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SUBJECT: SAN ANTONIO SHORES CASE

REF: STATE 216959

1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH DEPARTMENT THAT IT WOULD BE POINTLESS FOR COMSTOCK TO MEET WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL ESPECIALLY SINCE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S INTEREST WAS NOT RELATED TO ACTUAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF BAJA CALIFORNIA STATE AND CLAIMANTS. A.G. HAD AGREED TO REVIEW CHARGES FILED BY LIC. LOZOYA ANDRADE AGAINST MANUEL CORSO BLANCO AND PROVIDE AN OPINION WHETHER THERE WAS SUFFICIENT CAUSE TO INITIATE CRIMINAL CHARGES OF FRAUD AGAINST CORSO BLANCO. A RECENT CHECK WITH THE OFFICE HANDLING REVIEW OF THE VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTS FILED IN THIS CASE INDICATES NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE HAS YET BEEN DETERMINED.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE STATUS OF A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN CLAIMANTS IN GENERAL (NOT NECESSARILY THE 61 REPRESENTED BY COMSTOCK), THE CONSULATE IN TIJUANA REPORTED ON AUGUST 15, 1974(SEE TIJUANA'S A-72) THAT A BREAKTHROUGH APPEARED IN THE OFFING WHEREBY THE BANCO INTERNACIONAL INMOBILIARIO OF TIJUANA WOULD REGULARIZE THE INVESTMENT OF 58 CLAIMANTS PRESENTLY LIVING AT THE SITE. THE OUTCOME OF THIS PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT IS UNKNOWN.

3. THERE ALSO WAS A REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF LIC. MARIO CASCO, THE COORDINATOR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BAJA CALIFORNIA, WHICH

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INDICATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF BAJA CALIFORNIA

PROPOSED THAT IF AT LEAST 800 OF THE CLAIMANTS WOULD AGREE TO PAY THE AMOUNT OF 3,000 US DOLLARS EACH THROUGH A TRUST, ALL OF THE 1,800 INVESTORS WOULD BE REIMBURSED THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED IN THE ORIGINAL TRANSACTIONS. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS MIGHT BE TRIAL BALLOON, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BAJA CALIFORNIA WOULD BE THE VICTOR IN SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT SINCE SOME, IF NOT MOST, OF THE LOTS ORIGINALLY SOLD FOR ONLY 1,500 US DOLLARS.

4. CONSUL GENERAL PETERSON, CURRENTLY VISITING CONSTITUENT POSTS, WAS TO DISCUSS THESE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITH CONSUL GENERAL AT TIJUANA. UPON HIS RETURN EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT ANY NEW INFORMATION.
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